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1. Effective 1 July 1949 a fifth vice president has been assigned to the GAI. He is Heinz Hoffmann, a native of Saxony, who is slated to take charge of all Polit/Kultur matters. Wilhelm Zaisser has been introduced to the personnel of the GAI as deputy to Fischer. Vice president Erich Mielke has been effectively stripped of his former responsibilities. The rumor has it that he will be appointed head of the Advanced Police School in Dessau. Vice presidents Wagner and Haiffert have retained their former positions.
2. Opadlik, formerly a member of K-5, has been appointed P/K deputy to August Mayer, chief of Hauptabteilung K (Criminal Police). Mayer is said to play a negligible role. To all practical purposes Hauptabteilung K is run by Hellmann.
3. The Hauptabteilung Schulung (Training) is gradually losing importance. Hauptabteilung V (Municipal Administration) under Alfred Malz will be given jurisdiction over the Administration Academy and administration schools, Hauptabteilung Schulung having been relieved of this responsibility.
4. The abbreviation VP for Traffic Police has led to some confusion, this also being the accepted abbreviation for Volkspolizei. Traffic Police will be designated Abteilung V. This in turn involves finding a new designation for Hauptabteilung V (Municipal Administration).
5. There is a rumor that Mickinnmay be appointed deputy chief of Hauptabteilung Polit/Kultur. On the other hand, Mickinn's old position of Chief of Personnel has not yet been filled; Richard Wenzel is handling the job temporarily as indicated by his rank (Inspekteur not Chefinspekteur).
6. Dr. Schöppe is no longer with Hauptabteilung V where he was in charge of passes and registration. He has been assigned to the secretariat in charge of organization and law problems.
7. Negotiations are currently being conducted between the GAI and the Central Administration of Justice for turning over the whole penal

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system to the police; this is allegedly in compliance with the desires of the SMA.

8. The disciplinary code (Dienststrafverordnung) for the zone police is awaiting the approval of the SMA.
9. In Wilhelmsruh only the Hauptabteilung Grenzpolizei und Bereitschaften (Border and Paramilitary Police) has remained. It was recently moved from Goethestrasse to Kurze Strasse. The building in Goethestrasse will be converted into a guest house for the GAI.
10. The numbering and the signature on the East Zone Personalausweis cannot be considered a security factor. Originally it had been planned to issue the Ausweise in accordance with a specific numbering system. This idea had to be abandoned as a result of SMA insistence on increasing the issue of Ausweise to meet the need for adequate supply of blanks. Only the numbering system serves to identify the land in which the Ausweis was issued. The Ausweis cannot be signed by anybody below the rank of Amtsleiter in charge of a Kreispolizeiamt. Foreigners and stateless persons get their Ausweise from the administrative police section of Landespolizeibehörde (state police headquarters), or from the administrative police section of the Berlin Polizeipräsidium.

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